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SOCCER NEEDS DRASTIC REFORMS TO SURVIVE

— By PAUL DEAN and LOU GAUTIER —

Just as the current race riots in the USA were almost predictable through the numerous signs, one has the inescapable feeling that events in Australian soccer are approaching some kind of an explosion.

Whether our officialdom is aware of this or not, discontent with the leadership both on a national and NSW State level is enormous.

The game's administration has reached an all-time low at just about every level.

In recent years several capable administrators have left the code, thoroughly frustrated.

To an alarming degree, soccer is being left in the hands of people whose integrity is not in doubt — but who lack either know-how or leadership qualities.

Soccer needs intelligent, broad-minded leaders.

We shouldn't accept any longer the excuse that somebody is "trying to do his best"; we should get people who can actually do their best.

Sliding backwards

Working in an honorary, voluntary capacity in itself isn't enough — unless the result of their work is satisfactory.

There is gloom, pessimism, bitterness and cynicism everywhere.

Clubs don't trust their Federation, the Federation has lost rapport with the clubs and the public; the ASF has failed to emerge as a ruling body.

What is the matter with our soccer? Why is it that despite the obvious efforts of a handful of honest, capable and enthusiastic people the game isn't moving ahead — in fact, it is sliding backwards?

It's no use pretending any more that things will right themselves — they can't and won't.

It would appear to be absolutely vital to re-examine soccer's position, prospects and the road we are following.

And it would also appear to be essential for our various administrative bodies to do a little private soul-searching.

Are they doing anything for soccer — or are they simply holding innumerable meetings, always in the time-honored tradition of protocol but seldom producing fresh, intelligent ideas?

Silent no more

Are our structures the right ones? Can the ASF ever become a governing body or merely a clearing house for stale ideas put forward by delegates who are there by their geographical right, not because of their ability and wisdom?

Is the NSW Federation a solid, well-planned organisation?

Should we hope that one miraculous day it will become one — or must we start thinking about tearing it down and rebuilding it from scratch?

It's futile to keep silent any longer. Those who still pretend that everything is fine are only fooling themselves.

In the past, we used to be much more vocal in our criticism of soccer's administration than, say, in the last two years.

The reason for this was simple: we wanted to give a "fair go" to our administrators to get things done, to prove their worth.

We kept silent on many occasions when strong criticism would have been warranted; failed to emphasise mistakes, negligences and the lack of progress when we had ample reason to go on the offensive.

Almost without exception "leading officials" are sniping at one another, staging crazy little dogfights for yet another sub-committee position, yet another meaningless title.

Deals are made and deals are broken in an unbelievable scramble for positions — but the game of soccer doesn't merit too much attention.

In the process, Federations spend money like water.

According to the estimate of a reliable source, the recent ASF executive meeting and Australia Cup sub-committee meeting cost about \$2000 to stage in Melbourne.

Only about a month earlier another executive meeting was held in Sydney, — at the same cost.

Two meetings, basically for the discussion of the Australia Cup, costing \$4000.

And this because the ASF, entrusted with the job six months ago, did nothing.

Look at NSW which prides itself of being the most mature soccer State.

In 10 years of Federation we have achieved almost nothing.

The only pleasing aspect of the code is the tremendous upsurge of juniors — and this is the only aspect with which the Federation had precious little to do!

But look elsewhere, if you please.

Death-wish

Our crowds are down and there is still no intelligent attempt to get them back.

Decisions like last week's that caused the break-up of a proposed double-header almost appear to have a death-wish written in them.

In the 10 years not one club has managed to get its own ground; in fact, the only one that existed (Gladesville) has been sold and subdivided.

In the 10 years the Federation has never seriously bothered to find a ground for its own use; we can't have Marks Field covered, or the lighting posts removed from Wentworth Park.

Everything is as it was years ago — if not worse.

One rather suspects that the management committee has completely outlived its usefulness.

If so, what can be put in its place? Delegates from the clubs or perhaps a commissioner with wide powers?

We don't claim to know the solution, perhaps nobody does.

But for heaven's sake, let's try to find one before it's too late.

Playing the ostrich won't help — we need fresh, constructive, intelligent ideas how soccer could be changed from its present cumbersome, pseudo-democratic, inefficient shape into something modern, streamlined and progressive.

It's much more palatable to find a way while we can — rather than wait for some huge blow-up that could destroy even what's good in our soccer.



St. George-Budapest's Scottish international goalie Frank Haffey takes a tumble as he dives at the feet of Pan Hellenic striker Karyannis. Haffey played a big part in holding Pan Hellenic to a scoreless draw at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

LET'S GET F.I.F.A.'S TOP MAN HERE TO HELP!

In this issue of SOCCER WORLD we have tried to start an awakening in Australian soccer.

But even if our more responsible officials honestly admit that our administration is backward and amateurish, probably they wouldn't know what to do about it.

Let us make here a concrete suggestion: invite FIFA secretary Dr. Helmut Kaser to spend at least a month in Australia.

Tell him honestly all the facts about our soccer life, show him the crumbling structure on which our game is built.

Let him meet not just the officials currently in office — but people from clubs and even outsiders.

Then give him a carte blanche to re-design whatever he finds wrong with our system — including our archaic, cumbersome and pseudo-democratic constitutions which just about tell us all that cannot be done, but fail to show what can be done in our game.

Treat Dr. Kaser — undoubtedly one of the world's leading organisers

— as a management expert, and agree beforehand to take his advice.

Then — and only then — would we have a chance to reshape our entire structure which is so obviously wrong.

No, we are not amused...

If you expected us to comment on the little Victoria-NSW "summit" which took place in Sydney last weekend, you'll be disappointed.

Frankly, we're not interested, and rather bored by it all.

But two of the so-called "19 points" put forward by the Victorian delegates deserve more than a passing glance.

We refer to their recommendations that Australia should pull out of the World Cup and cancel the Asian tour.

Our participation in the 1966 World Cup was the most significant event in Australian soccer history.

It put us on the international map for the first time — our Phnom-Penh hammering notwithstanding.

Yet, if Victoria had its way we should now forego

the next World Cup because, in all probability, we won't qualify for the finals in Mexico.

We find Victoria's reasoning hard to follow.

We may still be way behind the top world standards, but so are dozens of other World Cup entries, yet this doesn't deter them from trying every four years for soccer's ultimate prize — a place in the last sixteen.

In this context, the Asian tour, however short, must go on as it will enable our team to gain first hand experience against Asian countries they will meet in the World Cup elimination rounds only a few months later.

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PLAYER CONTEST

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READER CONTEST

SECTION 9

These are my forecasts for the following Australian First Division matches, to be played on the weekend of August 12/13. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw, 2 for an "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

NSW	St. George v. Prague
	Pan Hellenic v. Canterbury
	Melita Eagles v. SCU
VIC	Makedonia v. Lion
	Croatia v. Hellas
	Melbourne v. Juventus
SA	Polonia v. Lion
	Juventus v. Budapest
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5. All coupons must be filled in legibly, preferably in ink and in printed letters.
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Prizes and rules

First prize in the PLAYERS CONTEST will be two economy class return air tickets to Singapore by ALITALIA. The player receiving the largest number of votes in each State throughout the period of the Contest will enter the Finals. At the end of the Contest a draw will be made to determine the eventual winner who may not be the player receiving the largest absolute number of votes.

Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 9: 3 p.m., Saturday, August 12.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Rumor has it that APIA are already thinking of strengthening their team for next year. Two brilliant young players they are said to have their eyes on are Max Tolson, the South Coast winghalf, and Attila Abonyi, Melbourne-Hungaria's Australian international winger. Both are local products and APIA are making sure they have four top "quota-players" next season when Sydney clubs will have to increase their local content up to four players.

Thirty-five representatives attended a valuable meeting at the WESTERN SUBURBS Soccer Club and discussed both licensed club procedures and apprentice professional players. Social clubs represented included Manly-Warringah, Kuring-gai, Blacktown, Lane Cove, and Gladesville-Hornsby.

PAUL HODGINS, 15-year-old son of former Adamstown player of the late forties, Dally Hodgins, is making a fine name for himself as wing-half for Hamilton Azzurri's under-21 Northern League team.

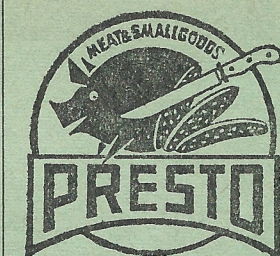
A. MELLON, secretary of the Southern Districts Branch of the NSW Referees' Association advises that his association does not intend to join up with the NSW Federation of Soccer Referees, as we reported in the July 14 issue.

Denis Law told a Manchester reporter recently: "The AUSTRALIANS surprised us all by the standard of their play."

"Catch them young and train 'em" is still the cry in Newcastle. 74 players, still qualified to play under 16 juniors, have appeared in the Northern League's three divisions this year. Most of these have been in First Division third grade (under 21), and 2nd and 3rd division clubs.

One of the top referees in the Illawarra District is TEDDY DRAIN, renowned as an

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inside-forward in his playing days. Astute judges say that Drain would be amongst Sydney's top bracket referees for strictness and efficiency if he decided to move into the big time.

High Schools officials would welcome a move from the large number of ILLAWARRA HIGH SCHOOLS playing soccer to enter the 1968 Tasman Cup. Only a couple such as Keira and Berkeley enter now, whereas the competition is open to all secondary schools.

Three cheers for the women of the LIDCOMBE WARATAH SOCCER CLUB, who turned up on the Don Lane Show last Thursday, and proudly displayed the club banner to Don Lane and the viewers. It's about time that the sports publicists got the message direct from the thousands of amateur and junior soccer players: more soccer wanted on all media. The press, TV and radio are dealing with a much bigger public than they have wanted to realise, and the gradual change to more soccer should in fairness soon start becoming an avalanche. We need some more enthusiasts of the Lidcombe Waratah mould to demonstrate and agitate in various places, and the sooner the better.

Illawarra District Soccer Association club Corrimall has two officials each with more than 60 years of service. LESTER LANE has given 66 years of service while ERN RUDDOCK has been associated with the club for 67 years. Members of the Club Ladies' Auxiliary gave a surprise party to celebrate Lester Lane's 80th birthday recently.

The METROPOLITAN AMATEURS took \$220 at the gate for their final championship round robin last Sunday. Results were: 8s: St. George v. Granville 4-0, Sutherland v. Bankstown 2-1, 9s: Sutherland v. Gladesville 3-0, Bankstown v. Granville 1-0, 10s: Granville v. Norths 3-0, Sutherland v. Bankstown 3-2, 11s: Southern Dist. v. Gladesville 4-1, Granville v. Bankstown 1-0, 12s: Sutherland v. Norths 7-0, Bankstown v. Granville 3-1, 13s: Gladesville v. Manly 3-2, Bankstown v. Sutherland 5-0, 15s: Gladesville v. Southern

Dist. 2-1, St. George v. Granville 1-0, 21s (final): Gladesville v. St. George 4-2.

Next Saturday is one of the highlights of the South Coast sporting calendar. More than 2,000 players between the ages of 4 and 14 will take part in a huge gala soccer carnival at the BALGOWNIE Sportsground.

South Coast have raised nearly \$700 in their appeal for EAN CUTHBERT, their newly-imported fullback who broke his ankle in his first match in Australia against Cumberland five weeks ago.

Both semifinals of the CHS TASMAN CUP will be played in Newcastle. In spite of our earlier predictions of a Newcastle High win, Booragul High entered the semifinals. These will now be Booragul v. Ibrox Park, and Wallsend v. Punchbowl. This leaves the possibility of an inter-city final, or both finalists could come from Sydney or Newcastle.

LA FIAMMA, the great Italian bi-weekly Italian language newspaper, celebrated its 20th birthday last week with a brilliant special edition. We take this opportunity of wishing our colleagues at "La Fiamma" many more such happy birthdays.

Adamstown left-back, COL CURRAN is regarded as Newcastle's best young defender at present. After playing junior football with West Wallsend and New Lambton South, Curran made his first senior appearance with Maitland at the age of 15. At 16, he teamed up with RAY BAARTZ, and together they joined the famous Adamstown club. Coach Bob Cameron settled Curran at left-back, which he considers is his best position.

Canberra round-up

Juventus defeated Concordia 2-0 in the semifinal of the ACT Federation Cup.

On Sunday, Juventus will meet Croatia in the final.

In replays of the Second Division semifinals, Monaro beat Kosciusko 3-0 and RMC and RAAF again drew 1-1.

— John Holland.

POST — MORTEM

—By ALAN SPEERS—

"I'd like to see him playing alongside Herbert Ninaus," said the tall, grey-haired man.

"Or Gerry Hood," said his companion.

They were not, as you might imagine, Canterbury fans; nor was the scene Arlington Oval, home ground of the "Berries".

It was, in fact, Wentworth Park, and the subject of their discussion was Hakoah's goal-snatching forward, Ray Baartz.

Baartz this season has established himself as a firm favorite with Hakoah fans, having scored 12 goals since joining them from a Newcastle club.

But the interesting point of the conversation between the two Hakoah supporters in the warm afternoon sun on Saturday at Wentworth Park was, I think, their mention of Ninaus and Hood.

It raises the question of whether Hakoah acted prematurely in arranging a "swap" with Canterbury, exchanging Hood and Ninaus for Denis Yaager.

Many Hakoah followers are of the opinion that the club might have, indeed, particularly as the team has, of late, found the business of scoring more than one or two goals beyond them.

Adding fuel to the fire of contention is, of course, the fact that Ninaus and Hood have, between them, scored 15 goals for Canterbury since the swap and helped put the Berries on the road to the semifinals.

After Hakoah's win over Cumberland I asked coach Tiko Jelisavcic if he thought Hakoah had acted rashly, in view of their failure to score as many goals as has been the case in past years.

His answer, as you might expect, was pretty much to the point:

"I'm not greatly worried what the papers might say about us having made a mistake in letting Ninaus and Hood go.

"The fact is that Ninaus was a great goalscorer for us, but he had reached the stage where he just could not run for the full 90 minutes.

"I think the reason that both he and Gerry are scoring plenty of goals for Canterbury is that they are in a new club, with new players.

"It's psychological, and I think it's happened many times before — when a player joins a new team he is naturally keyed up to do his best to impress.

"At any rate, I'm satisfied with the way my team is going now, despite what the papers might say about our goal shortage."

Hakoah's win over Cumberland has not dampened the ardor of Len Quested's team of fighters, and the stage now looks set for a battle royal between Cumberland and Melita Eagles to stay up in First Division.

Earlier this season I seemed to be some sort of good luck omen for Cumberland — they appeared to reserve their winning efforts exclusively for my benefit — but the "magic" seems to have faded.

— SYDNEY TEAM GALLERY —



The St. George-Budapest squad before their match last weekend. Standing, from left to right: coach Hegyes, Hillary, Sandell, Haffey, Morgan, Schaefer, Zuckerman. Sitting: Stegbauer, Fernandez, Warren, Isaac, Price, Cliss.

A.S.F. BUNGLES ISSUES, MEANWHILE...

The recent decision by the ASF to run the Australia Cup yet again along new lines must not pass without strong criticism.

The unfortunate Cup series, originally devised to add glamor, stability and unity to soccer, has been badly manhandled in recent years.

Every year the arguments start afresh on just how the Cup should be staged; every year some wits come up with "new ideas" altering the rules and nature of the Cup.

This year everything went wrong, from the very start until a hastily assembled ASF executive meeting decided to cancel the Cup altogether — and another meeting decided to restore it.

It's obvious even to Blind Freddie that those charged with the responsibility of keeping the Cup alive didn't do their homework.

Muddling executive

There were no firm plans, no concrete suggestions — and no time — so the easiest way out of this impasse appeared to be a cancellation.

Why "plans" have to be drawn up year after tedious year is in itself a mystery; why can't they leave this unfortunate Cup unmolested, undisturbed and unchanged for at least a few years?

The time may have come for the ASF executive to admit that they simply cannot be bothered to spend their time and energy on this Cup — and hand over the organisation to people who can.

For years now this executive has clearly proved its inability to either keep the Cup in its original format or to find successful new formulas.

It's time they stopped pretending that only the executive members have enough experience, intelligence and know-how to organise the Australia Cup.

It would be infinitely better to entrust a handful of practical club officials with the task — and preserve the executive meetings to "more important things".

Australian soccer is mighty patient; any efficient business firm would have thrown out its muddling executives long ago.

Misnomer

If this type of muddling was confined to the Australia Cup, one would be somehow prepared to swallow hard and let it go.

But the tragedy is that the ASF executive — what a misnomer! — is rapidly proving itself to be the most inefficient organisation Australian soccer has ever known.

A whole weekend was needed to draw up plans for THIS Australia Cup; delegates had to be dragged from all corners of Australia, at enormous cost, to produce such a dismal, unimaginative formula.

Three intelligent people with know-how of Australian soccer could have produced a better plan during the interval of a match in the ES Marks Field enclosure!

About a year has passed since the formation of the Oceania Confederation, which was largely promulgated by Australia.

Yet in that year this Confederation hasn't even had a conference, a round-table chat.

Perhaps it would be the wisest to admit to FIFA that we were wrong and join, en bloc, the Asian Federation which is a lively, active organisation.

Surely we are not going to pretend any longer that Australia, with its fantastic set-up, is able to show the way to the handful of others who expect leadership from us?

It's obvious that the entire executive branch of the ASF needs to be reformed urgently.

Many of the decisions that are now tossed to the executive should be simply and purely administrative decisions made by the ASF secretariat.

Since no decision is likely to please everybody no matter how many delegates chew the rag before it is made, we might as well entrust the secretary with the responsibility of working out plans.

Uniformity needed

If meetings between interstate officials are necessary at all, they should be mainly confined to get-togethers between the State secretaries, say each December or so.

They, with the help of the ASF secretary, should map out their calendar of events for the following season, trying to introduce some uniformity into the code for the first time ever.

Then these secretaries could return to their States and inform their own Federations that such and such dates are required by the ASF for internationals, tours or the Australia Cup — and the rest is theirs.

But it's the States that have to learn to adjust their schedules to a central plan, not the other way, as has been the case for years.

All this would simplify the ASF's administration and prevent the incredible amount of haggling and bargaining that goes on year after year over every single issue.

But even this isn't enough. The ideal would be to scrap the entire executive system, chop off the deadwood and appoint two or three men to serve as administrators of the ASF.

The States can have their delegates at the ASF Council if they are so obsessed with their rights of autonomy —

but why the hell must they all be represented on the executive?

Why must somebody from Hobart or Perth — remote areas as far as the hub of our soccer is concerned — even be asked to produce ideas on the Australia Cup or the Asian tour?

It would be much better if the ASF was run by two or three paid officials — who could be held responsible — rather than enthusiastic amateurs.

Professional sport

Soccer is becoming a professional sport, if not entertainment, and we can no longer afford the luxury of having people at its helm who, on the excuse of working in a voluntary, honorary capacity, feel they also have the right to botch things up.

We are discouraging those from taking an active part in our soccer administration who would have the ability and talent to get things done properly and efficiently.

The Australian soccer community has lost most of its respect for today's leadership.

It's time for a change — and a drastic change at that.

Soccer mustn't be allowed to remain the parlor game of a handful of muddling officials who may like the sport but quite obviously are not equipped to ensure its growth and prosperity.

As far as this newspaper is concerned, we are prepared to support any move that aims to introduce and carry out reforms.

But if our system is so involved and so complacently rotten that no reforms are possible through peaceful means, let us then have some men of vision and daring who can lead soccer out of its horrible deadlock.

These men can count on our support — and also the support of every progressive-minded soccer lover in Australia.

...N.S.W. CALMLY FLIPS A COIN

Now, let's see what has happened closer to home, in Sydney. Last week the management committee flipped a coin to decide the order of the matches in a proposed double-header.

They did this despite the fact that the two home teams, APIA and St. George-Budapest amicably agreed on the order of matches.

But Pan Hellenic objected to playing the first match, claiming that they would have had a "psychological disadvantage..."

The stunning aspect is that Pan Hellenic's objection was even considered.

Hakoah, the other "guest" team, raised no objection one way or the other.

Neither did Yugal and Melita Eagles, who were drawn to play home matches last Sunday, facing such a formidable opposition to their attractions.

So what does the management committee do? Flip a coin. The executive branch of our Federation which is supposed to have authority to make decisions, was so undecided that they left a decision to blind luck.

Naturally, the "decision" produced consternation, protest and even ridicule in the Press.

At least two club presidents expressed their "surprise" in no uncertain fashion.

The next day the president was reported in a morning newspaper as saying:

"The management committee, as usual, acted in unbiased good faith in an attempt to administer the code with due consideration to all concerned.

"Unfortunately, we still have within our ranks a few people who criticise any decision which is not in complete accord with their demands."

With due respect to the president, let us quickly point out that it was not the management committee's decision that was strongly criticised — but the lack of it.

Had they decided on the order of the double-header with cold logic, probably

everybody would have accepted it.

But they didn't decide at all — they merely flipped a coin.

And anyway, it's remarkable to blame APIA, St. George and Hakoah for giving vent to their disappointment.

Why didn't the management committee take the same dim view of Pan Hellenic? Why wasn't their frivolous objection branded with such strong words?

After all, everybody was happy with the arrangements but Pan Hellenic, so who can rightly be accused of being malcontents — the sole objector or the majority who acted in accord?

They objected to playing the first match not so much on psychological grounds but because of prestige.

This gleams out from what secretary George Pappas said to "Soccer World" the next day.

"My job is to protect the interest of my club.

"We are the biggest drawing club in Sydney today.

ALITALIA CONTESTS

PAGEWOOD CONTESTANT TAKES GOOD LEAD

Pagewood (NSW) reader, Mrs. Sophia Michopoulos, has gone to a 20-point lead in the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Readers' Contest.

She was one of only two contestants with 90 points out of a possible 100 in Section 8 of our Readers' Contest.

Another lady reader, Carol Laws, of Kings Cross, shares second place in the overall points table with 420 points.

With the Readers' Contest far from over, the first prize — a return trip to Italy by Alitalia — is still wide open, and the winner may not be determined until the last question of the Contest which will deal with the Australia Cup in October.

Section 8 results

90 points: S. Michopoulos, Pagewood; M. Mrcic, Paddington. 80 points: V. Crismale, Adelaide (SA).

70 points: V. Voncina, Wiley Pk.; R. Huber, Ashfield; B. Tomasov, Burwood; M. Sparsis, Dulwich Hill; J. Economos, Croydon; A. Margiotta, Drummoyn; M. Alagich, Manly; P. Schio, Five Dock; C. Schifilliti, Georges Hall; V. Sallustio, Ashbury; Menchetti, Perth (WA); B. Mazzone, Underdale (SA); C. Laws, Kings Cross; C. Donato, Underdale, (SA) L. Crema, Bossley Park; V. Condomitti, Manly; S. Viazio, Croydon; C. Attanasio, Manly.

60 points: L. Scott, Ashfield; S. Czipczar, Valley, Qld.; B. McGinty, Punchbowl; B. Smith, Gray's Point; D. Dimitroff, Marrickville; E. Manass, Padstow; B. Spagnolo, Liverpool; L. Boudas, N. Sydney; F. Gregurev, Bowden, SA; S. Kaye, Brighton-le-Sands; R. Tamien, Adelaide; S. Zavaglia, North Manly; D. Malfone, Smithfield; A. Lovrich, Lewisham; M. Iacuzzi, Croydon Park; O. Greco, Manly Vale; B. De Santis, Warrawong (NSW); G. De Francesco, North Melbourne (Vic.); Y. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt; N. Colacicco, Leichhardt; J. Cipolla, Panania; P. Castells, Melbourne (Vic.); L. Cardarello, Green Valley; R. Care, North Fitzroy (Vic.); V. Calacoci, Manly; G. Baracetti, Redfern.

Progress points

440 points: S. Michopoulos, Pagewood. 420 points: L. Crema, Bossley Park; V. Crismale, Adelaide (SA); C. Laws, Kings Cross.

400 points: R. Buonanov, Five Dock; Y. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt.

390 points: G. Baracetti, Redfern; R. Esposito, Fawkner (Vic.); A. Lovrich, Lewisham; J. Juric, Leichhardt.

"Pan Hellenic has been kicked around for too long and it's time people sat up and took notice of us."

It is indeed a secretary's job to protect the interests of his club — but in this matter they had no interests whatsoever.

Furthermore, as the "away" team, they shouldn't have even had the right to object or protest.

The truth of the matter is that both Pan Hellenic and the management committee acted against the interests of soccer.

But if Pan Hellenic behaved selfishly, the management committee acted foolishly.

With the two home teams in perfect agreement over their program, the management committee should have thrown out Pan Hellenic's objection.

But if they seriously thought that Pan Hellenic's request — to decide the already arranged order of play by toss — had any merits at all, they should have consulted the two home clubs.

This they didn't do.

— DEFERRED MATCH —

ANOTHER FINE WIN FOR APIA

APIA went to a six-point competition lead as a result of their 2-0 victory over Hakoah in a deferred match at Lambert Park last Sunday.

Oozing with confidence, the Sydney champions had to withstand a spirited challenge from the alert, constructive Hakoah in the first half.

After the interval, however, APIA were far too strong all round.

They enjoyed an overwhelming midfield superiority and notched up two superb goals, especially Pat Hughes', which nearly brought the house down.

Hakoah, with Stewart and Marnoch prominent, were excellent in defence, but their forwards, Baartz again excepted, were rarely dangerous.

Details: APIA: Taylor 3; Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 5; Hughes 5, Watkiss 4, Botalic 4; Campbell 4, Campana 4, Blue 5, Kerklaan 2 (McKinnon 3), Giacometti 2. Total: 42.

Hakoah: Wilson 4; Stewart 5, Hillsdon 3; Walsh 3, Marnoch 5, Duffy 3; Edmunds 3, Fekete 3, Yaager 2, Baartz 4, Holden 3. Total: 38.

Match rating: * * * * Scorers: Campbell 54 min., Hughes 71 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 3,400.

— Lou Gautier.

AMATEUR RESULTS & TABLES

DIVISION I

Thistle v. Sydney Uni.	2-1	—
N. Sydney v. S. Sydney	6-1	2-2
Artamon v. Wenty War.	3-0	3-1
Uni. NSW v. Lidcombe	1-1	6-2
Ryde v. Concordia	1-5	2-4
Uni. NSW v. Marrickville	0-0	3-3
Lidcombe v. Kewpies	1-2	2-1
North Sydney	12	4 2 53 22 28
Marrickville	11	4 3 46 30 26
Artamon	10	4 4 40 25 24
Ryde	9	5 4 41 25 23
Concordia	8	4 6 35 36 20
South Sydney	6	6 6 36 32 18
Thistle	7	4 6 36 34 18
Uni. NSW	6	4 6 27 21 16
Wenty War.	5	6 7 38 43 16
Kewpies	3	3 11 24 47 9
Lidcombe	1	6 11 22 48 8
Sydney Uni.	2	2 14 22 55 6

DIVISION II

All Stars v. Belmore	1-2	0-3
Arncliffe v. Guildford	2-0	1-1
Warringah v. L'pool Int.	5-0	—
Yagoona v. Auburn	4-2	5-1
Penrith v. Riverside	3-4	1-2
Auburn v. East Side	0-4	0-4
Yagoona v. Gymer	0-1	5-2
East Side	12	4 2 44 19 28
Belmore	13	— 5 55 30 26
Warringah	11	2 5 48 24 24
Guildford	8	6 4 42 26 22
Gymer	8	4 6 36 35 20
Riverside	7	4 7 37 36 18
Arncliffe	7	4 5 30 30 18
All Stars	6	3 8 37 33 15
Penrith	6	3 9 43 41 15
Yagoona	5	4 8 31 37 14
Auburn	4	2 12 28 59 10
L'pool Inter	—	2 16 14 76 2

DIVISION III

Willoughby v. Blacktown	5-3	5-0
Greenacre v. Dee Why	1-4	1-1
L'pool C. v. G'ville-H'by	0-6	—
Smithfield v. St. Marys	0-4	1-3
Padstow v. Ku-ring-gai	1-4	1-7
Enmore v. Condell Pk.	3-0	3-0
Enmore	18	— 142 19 36
St. Marys	14	1 3 78 32 29
G'ville-H'by	11	3 4 54 34 25
Dee Why	11	2 5 59 35 24
Condell Park	10	3 5 61 38 23
Willoughby	9	1 8 55 57 19
Smithfield	6	2 9 37 56 14
L'pool City	6	— 11 35 61 12
Greenacre	5	2 10 41 83 12
Blacktown	4	4 10 28 62 12
Ku-ring-gai	3	— 15 32 65 6
Padstow RSL	—	17 19 101 0

Players' Contest

Despite his lay-off through injury, APIA fullback George Nuttall retains the lead in the NSW section of the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Players' Contest.

His strongest challenger for the Alitalia return-trip for two to Singapore is his teammate Johnny Giacometti as St. George-Budapest skipper John Warren lost ground in the last batch of votes.

John Watkiss, on the other hand, is polling very strongly and if the current trend in his favor continues, he may soon emerge as a serious contender for the fabulous Alitalia prize.

This is how the players stand in all States:

NSW
Nuttall (APIA) 925, Giacometti (APIA) 716, Warren (St. George) 604, Watkiss (APIA) 460, J. Alagich (Yugal) 330, Johnston (Pan Hellenic) 252, Blue (APIA) 214, Reynolds (Croatia) 211.

VICTORIA
Pirgolos (SM-Hollas) 353, Della Rocca (Juventus) 166, Soncini (Juventus) 63, Barbazza (Juventus) 57, De Marchi (Juventus) 51, Voigt (Juventus) 51.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Worthington (Hellas) 264, McColl (Juventus) 182, Perin (Juventus) 134, Chiappin (Juventus) 62, Baggio (Juventus) 56.

QUEENSLAND
Jackson (Hellenic) 139, Tucker (Latrobe) 38, Keen (Azzurri) 13.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Giorgi (Azzurri) 69, Ramm (Tricolore) 19.

TASMANIA
Morosini (Juventus) 25.

COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	14	3	1	52	14	31
St. George	11	3	4	32	24	25
Hakoah	10	3	5	33	16	23
Pan Hellenic	8	4	6	48	28	20
Croatia	7	6	5	29	22	20
Canterbury	5	6	8	35	38	18
Prague	5	6	7	28	30	16
Polonia-NS	6	3	9	21	44	15
SCU	4	5	9	27	35	13
Yugal	5	3	10	26	48	13
Melita Eagles	5	2	11	19	31	12
Cumberland	4	2	12	21	42	10

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	12	2	4	59	28	26
Pan Hellenic	11	2	5	35	25	24
Prague	10	3	4	43	27	23
Croatia	9	4	5	48	28	22
APIA	9	3	6	49	41	21
Cumberland	8	4	6	44	31	20
St. George	7	3	6	49	22	19
Polonia-NS	7	4	6	36	36	18
SCU	4	5	9	24	45	13
Melita Eagles	3	4	11	28	57	10
Canterbury	1	6	10	23	51	8
Yugal	3	1	14	21	67	7

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	16	1	1	60	19	33
Prague	13	2	3	55	16	28
Croatia	12	3	3	56	22	27
St. George	10	2	5	43	22	22
SCU	8	4	6	48	29	20
Hakoah	8	1	9	27	38	17
Pan Hellenic	6	3	9	26	26	15
Polonia-NS	6	3	8	20	25	15
APIA	6	3	9	30	48	15
Canterbury	6	3	9	21	42	15
Yugal	1	2	15	11	74	4
Melita Eagles	1	1	16	16	51	3

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	12	4	2	40	19	28
Granville	11	5	2	51	15	27
Bankstown	9	5	4	39	26	23
Western Subs.	10	3	5	39	26	23
Sutherland	8	4	6	35	27	20
Marconi	7	6	5	24	21	20
Corinthians	9	2	7	31	30	20
Hornsby-NE	5	7	6	33	30	17
N. Bankstown	7	1	10	23	24	15
Balgownie	4	5	9	28	32	13
Lane Cove	1	5	12	12	40	7
Blacktown	1	1	16	16	79	3

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	12	3	3	56	29	27
Granville	13	1	4	58	32	27
Sutherland	13	—	5	64	32	26
Hornsby-NE	12	1	5	52	30	25
Manly	10	4	3	55	24	24
Bankstown	9	2	7	46	36	20
N. Bankstown	7	4	7	43	42	18
Marconi	7	3	8	41	47	17
Balgownie	7	3	8	26	33	17
Corinthians	2	5	11	23	46	9
Lane Cove	1	2	15	21	57	4
Blacktown	—	2	16	11	85	2

LAST WEEK'S

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION (Second and Third Grade)

APIA v. Prague	4-5	0-6
Polonia v. Croatia	2-4	1-1
Hakoah v. Cumberland	2-3	0-1
Yugal v. SCU	2-3	0-2
Melita v. Canterbury	2-2	0-2
APIA v. Hakoah	1-2	3-2
St. George v. P. Hellenic	1-2	1-1

SECOND DIVISION (First and Second Grade)

Blacktown v. Sutherland	0-6	0-3
Granville v. West. Subs.	0-1	7-1
Balgownie v. Lane Cove	1-0	1-0
Hornsby v. Bankstown	1-3	3-2
Corinthians v. Manly	0-1	1-3
N. Bankstown v. Marconi	0-1	3-0

LEADING SCORERS

Giacometti (APIA)	14
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	13
Warren (St. George)	13
Baartz (Hakoah)	12
Ninaus (Canterbury)	11
J. Alagich (Yugal)	10
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	10
Hood (Canterbury)	9
Watkins (APIA)	9
Blue (APIA)	7
Giles (Croatia)	7
Keddie (Cumberland)	7
Reynolds (Croatia)	7

TEAM OF THE WEEK

HAFLEY (St. George)
STEWART (Hakoah)
ACKERLEY (APIA)
SCHAEFER (St. George)
MARNOCCH (Hakoah)
HEWLETT (Melita)
CAMPBELL (APIA)
MINOL (Polonia)
BLUE (APIA)
KRAWIARZ (Polonia)
KEENAN (Cumberland)

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RESULTS & SCORERS

A.P.I.A.

3 (1)

Blue 37 min., Campana 58 min., Kerklaan 89 min.

Prague

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (2)

Baartz 1 min., Geppert (own goal) 20 min.

Cumberland

1 (0)

Christie 62 min.

Polonia

2 (2)

Krawiarz 14 and 21 mins.

Croatia

1 (1)

Reynolds 25 min. (penalty).

Melita E.

1 (1)

Hewlett 6 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Yugal

3 (2)

Edwards 31 min., J. Alagich 55 min., Halpin 79 min.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)

Barnett 56 min.

St. George

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Taylor 4; Van Blerk 4; Ackerley 4; Hughes 4, Watkiss 4, Bottalico 4; Campbell 4, Campana 4, Blue 5, Kerklaan 2, Giacometti 2.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Earl 3; Harcombe 4, Tracey 3; Blacker 4 (Haig 3), Zeman 3, Scheinflug 4; R. Manuel 3, Hoggart 4, Blanco 3, Lissing 2, Gauto 2.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: J. Venglos.

Wilson 4; Stewart 4, Hillsdon 3; Walsh 4, Marnoch 4, Duffy 3; Edmunds 3, Fekete 3, Yaager 3, Baartz 4, Holden 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: T. Jelisavcic.

Fisher 4; Addison 3, Dell 3; Geppert 3, Thomson 4, Entwistle 4; Keddie 3, Goldie 3, Smith 2, Christie 3 (replaced Fernie in the 12th minute), Keenan 4.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: L. Qusted.

Bout 4; Filok 3, Skiba 3; Nowacki 3, Dzialach 3, Adamson 3; Calphy 3 (Gaik 2), Minol 5, Baker 4, Krawiarz 4, Gonzales 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: G. Azzopardi.

Corry 4; Lincoln 3, Sloan 3; Curry 4, Shepherd 3, Snedden 3; J. Yaager 3, Reynolds 4, R. Cush 3, Giles 3, F. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: M. Kiss.

Eaton 4; Hunter 4, Arrighi 4; Cilia 4, Woods 3, Hewlett 4; Stuart 2 (Reid 4), Falzon 4, Mullan 2, Azzopardi 3, Williams 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Demopoulos 4; Whitehead 3, Mucillo 3; Galbraith 3, Sambrook 3, Hardy 3 (Kauz 3); Rinos 4, Hoare 2, Romanos 3, Ninaus 3, Jamison 3.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: G. Polgar.

Petrou 3; Nacinovic 3, Crnich 3; Dunaj 5, Banicevic 4, Rafaneli 3; J. Alagich 4, Lalic 3, Halpin 4, Bobic 2 (Takac 3), Edwards 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Nuell 3; Carr 3, Ringland 4; Harrison 3, Barnes 3, Salisbury 3; Paterson 3, Barnett 3, Strachan 2 (Beattie 3), Tristram 3, Davies 3.

TOTAL: 33

Coach: G. Barnett.

Haffey 5; Stegbauer 3, Hillary 4; Schaefer 6, Morgan 3, Zuckerman 4; Price 3, Cliss 3, Warren 2, Isaac 2, Fernandez 2.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Clarke 4; Henson 3, Omeros 3; Westwater 4, Johnston 4, Hignett 4; Logan 3, Smith 4, Karyannis 3, McCulloch 4, Blitz 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: * * *

APIA were untroubled to win in a canter. Only spasmodically, in the first half, did Prague offer spirited resistance. After the interval APIA were in complete control and all of the play centred in the Prague half. Prague only escaped a bigger beating because the half fit Giacometti was "nursing" himself for Sunday's match against Hakoah. Giacometti, alone, could have added another three goals. Two players stood out in this match which never sparked off great enthusiasm from either side — Prague's Hoggart and APIA's Archie Blue, now playing his best football since moving from Melbourne.

Crowd: 2,021.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

Hakoah, a goal up after only 30 seconds, added another in the 20th minute, then proceeded to rest on their laurels, no doubt with Sunday's clash against APIA in mind. The game emphasised again, if further emphasis were needed, that Baartz is the mainspring of the Hakoah attack, and although limping for a large part of the 90 minutes, he was always a threat to Cumberland's defence. The visitors, though disheartened by Geppert's own goal, showed typical persistence and were rewarded with Christie's second half goal. The game overall held little to enthuse about.

Crowd: 884.

Referee: L. Rae.

— ALAN SPEERS

Match rating: * * *

Polonia controlled the game from start to finish, with the exception of a few minutes after Reynolds' penalty which narrowed the score. Croatia's attack was again appalling and Polonia 'keeper Bout was seldom called upon to show his wares. Corry, in the Croatia goal, on the other hand saw plenty of the ball, and only some fine saves in the second half kept Croatia in the match. Minol and Krawiarz combined brilliantly for the winners. Krawiarz's first goal was the highlight of a rather uninspiring match which more than confirmed Croatia's amazing decline and Polonia's revival.

Crowd: 1,150.

Referee: A. Faraone.

— KEVIN D'ARCY

Match rating: * * * *

Canterbury's hopes of making the semi-finals were seriously curtailed by a revitalised and determined Melita Eagles. The score does not do justice to this entertaining game as Melita, superior in every department, relentlessly raided the opposing goal and only bad luck stopped the Eagles from handing Canterbury a severe thrashing. The reshuffling of the Melita side paid handsome dividends as the Eagles' forwards never bogged down as in nearly every other match played this season. The Canterbury forwards were effectively subdued by the hard tackling of Hunter, Cilia and newcomer Arrighi, and the superb distribution of Hewlett left very little room for them to move.

Crowd: 2,200.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * *

The slow background music from the public address system set the "pace" for the first half. Only some fine pirouetting and passing by Dunaj relieved the boredom. Yugal's tactics when one goal ahead were amazing. Only Halpin was within range for two important corner kicks! The old master, Dunaj, clinched the game for Yugal after 55 minutes, when a defence-splitting free kick enabled the speedy Alagich to beat the defence in a flash. Coast fought back as best they could, but had neither midfield imagination nor the goal-grabbing forwards to even look like winning.

Crowd: 1,200.

Referee: J. Scarborough.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * *

Pan Hellenic probably could have beaten the Saints but they simply had no weapon to beat the magnificent Schaefer who undoubtedly put up the season's best performance by any defender. In the first half St. George played the better football — in a sterile fashion. In the second half it was mainly one withering Hellenic attack after the other and they had at least four or five excellent chances to score. All this sounds perhaps more exciting on paper than it was in reality where the fair crowd had to be content with some very mediocre football served up by both teams.

Crowd: 4,200.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

— PAUL DEAN

Defeat could be tragic for Cumberland on Sat.

— By PAUL DEAN —

With only four full rounds to go, the NSW championship is as exciting as ever.

APIA's first place must now be regarded as a foregone conclusion; their six-point lead is more than commanding.

However, the other issues are unresolved.

St. George and Hakoah are almost certain semi-finalists — but the fourth place rests between Pan Hellenic, Croatia and even Canterbury, despite last week's defeat.

Relegation now stares Cumberland starkly in the face — but Melita, Yugal and South Coast are not absolutely safe, either.

Actually, it's only Prague and Polonia that are not "involved" and neither a revival nor a slump can change their position appreciably.

The weekend's matches:

Prague v. Yugal

With the two teams almost certainly out of the woods, excitement may only be discerned in microscopic quantities.

Prague are almost certain to reshape their forward line which failed so miserably against APIA and at least try to provide more support for their elusive, clever spearhead, Hoggart.

With Scheinflug again playing well, they could control the midfield but the question is, will their forwards make any use of the ball?

Yugal last week continued their great revival which has now swept them three points away from the woodenspooners.

With four more rounds to go many things can still happen — but Yugal probably feel safe enough to play in a more relaxed fashion and go very close to grabbing at least one point from Prague.

Cumberland v. Polonia-NS

This is the match Cumberland cannot afford to even draw if they want to retain a chance for First Division football next year.

Still to play the two leading teams, Cumberland simply must win here — or face the consequences.

Yes, but win how? For weeks now it's been mainly heart that carried the team — and heart alone seems tragically insufficient.



J. KEDDIE (Cumberland)

Polonia, although in the possession of 15 precious points, will certainly try and deliver the coup de grace if only to firmly establish their escape.

There is no doubt that this will be a major battle with so much at stake — and it's hard to believe that Cumberland will go down meekly.

Canterbury v. Hakoah

Strangely enough, just when the magical semifinals appeared to be well within their grasp, Canterbury started to falter and fail.

Last week's defeat may have been very costly — but another loss here could dash their chances altogether.

In the first round they scored a gallant 3-1 win over their opponents of this week — can they repeat it?

Hakoah, playing mainly safety-first football and scoring odd goal wins (five so far) are certain semi-finalists and possible second placegetters.

Their defensive record is impressive: in 14 matches they have conceded only one goal or none; in fact, away from home only APIA has scored more than once against them.

On their record alone Hakoah merit favoritism though Canterbury, now desperately chasing a fading rainbow, may give them a shock.

South Coast v. St. George

The way South Coast are going, they may soon be thankful that the season is running out of rounds.

With their modest 13 points they are dangerously close to the bottom — especially if they lose this week and Cumberland manage a win.

However, down at Woonona South Coast do rather well, having only lost three times — and never to top teams.

The Saints' acute forward problem only worsened last week; now even Cliss has lost his dash and this makes theirs just about the most inoffensive quintet in the business.

They are playing without proper, effective wingers; in fact, their forward line consists of four inside forwards and a wing half.

They will certainly sweat for the 90 minutes and unless they can score a couple of goals, may return to their splendid new clubhouse without a point or two.

Croatia v. APIA

Despite their clear superiority, APIA may go into battle with some complex: of their last five encounters, APIA managed only one win, in 1965.

Croatia, in the longest slump of their history would need a colossal revival to continue their APIA-baiting.



N. SHEPHERD (Croatia)

The Croatia forwards simply fail to find their target and despite their reasonable rearguard, the

team as such keeps malfunctioning.

APIA have the premier-ship safely under their belt and from now on will cruise home.

There is no doubt that APIA are the deadliest four-letter word in Australian soccer and any defeat they suffered was purely accidental.

Despite Croatia's splendid record against them, one must follow commonsense and tip an APIA victory.

Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles

Having rather miraculously reached fourth position on the table, Pan Hellenic now have the incentive to hang on until the end.

Their aggressive, all-motion style seldom gives their opponents any peace and they are likely to attack for most of the 90 minutes in order to crack Melita's armour.

Melita, playing for points and a not unentertaining team to watch but they seem to be knowing what their aim is: escape relegation.

With their vastly reinforced defence they can pull down the shutter against any team that attacks with brute force and without finesse.

Herein lies the danger for Pan Hellenic; if they throw caution to the wind, they may be caught on the wrong foot by some swift counter-attacks.

Pan Hellenic's overall strength is the greater and should enable them to score a narrow win.

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Canterbury v. Hakoah — M. Buchanan; Prague v. Yugal — A.R. Brown; Cumberland v. Polonia — A. Sorbie; Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles — F. Woolman; Croatia v. APIA — N. Jones; SCU v. St. George — A. Boskovic.

ROUND 19

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Prague v. Yugal — Marks Field
Cumberland v. Polonia — Mona Park
Canterbury v. Hakoah — Arlington Oval
Lane Cove v. Blacktown — Pottery Green
Bankstown v. Balgownie — Bankstown Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

SCU v. St. George — Woonona Oval
Croatia v. APIA — Marks Field
Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles — Wentworth Park
Sutherland v. North Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park
Manly v. Hornsby-NE — Graham Reserve
Western Suburbs v. Corinthians — Drummoyne Oval
Marconi v. Granville — Marconi Oval

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Yugal v. Croatia — SCG No. 2
Pan Hellenic v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park
Granville v. Sutherland — Macarthur Park
Marconi v. Western Suburbs — Marconi Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Melita Eagles v. South Coast — Mona Park
St. George v. Prague — Wentworth Park
APIA v. Cumberland — Lambert Park
Polonia v. Hakoah — Drummoyne Oval
North Bankstown v. Lane Cove — George Green
Blacktown v. Bankstown — Francis Park
Balgownie v. Manly — Balgownie Oval
Hornsby-NE v. Corinthians — Pennant Hills Oval

LINE-UPS

PRAGUE

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BLACKER
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SCHEINFLUG
R. MANUEL
BLANCO
HOGGART
LISSING
GAUTO

YUGAL

PETROU
NACINOVIC
CRNICH
DUNAJ
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
LALIC
HALPIN
TAKAC
W. EDWARDS

CUMBERLAND

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ADDISON
DELL
GEPPERT
THOMSON
ENTWISTLE
KEDDIE
GOLDIE
SMITH
FERNIE
KEENAN

POLONIA

BOUT
FILOK
SKIBA
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DZIALACH
ADAMSON
GAIK
MINOL
BAKER
KRAWIAPOZ
GONZALEZ

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GALBRAITH
SAMBROOK
ROMANOS
RINOS
KAUZ
HOARE
NINAUS
JAMIESON

HAKOAH

WILSON
STEWART
HILLSDON
WALSH
MARNOCCH
DUFFY
EDMUNDS
FEKETE
YAAGER
BAARTZ
HOLDEN

SOUTH COAST

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CARR
RINGLAND
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SALISBURY
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MORGAN
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HIGNETT
LOGAN
SMITH
KARYANNIS
MCCULLOCH
BLITZ

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EATON
HUNTER
ARRIGHI
CILIA
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HEWLETT
STUART
FALZON
MULLAN
AZZOPARDI
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TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S

MATCHES

	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	MARCEL NAGY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPITERI	ALAN SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
SCU v. St. George	2	x	2	2	2	x	2
Prague v. Yugal	x	x	x	1	x	1	x
Croatia v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cumberland v. Polonia	1	1	x	2	2	1	1
Canterbury v. Hakoah	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
P. Hellenic v. M. Eagles	1	1	1	1	x	1	1
Sutherland v. N. B'town	x	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lane Cove v. Blacktown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bankstown v. Balgownie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Manly v. Hornsby-NE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
W. Subs. v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marconi v. Granville	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Hakoah	St. George	South Coast	Pan Hellenic	Prague	Croatia	Yugal	Cumberland	Polonia	Canterbury	M. Eagles
APIA	●	2-0	0-0	3-1	3-2	3-0	1-2	5-0			5-0	2-1
Hakoah		●	2-3	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	5-0	2-1	4-0	1-3	3-1
St. George	1-4	1-6	●	4-3	0-0		2-1	2-0		4-1	1-2	2-1
South Coast	2-2	1-1		●		1-3	1-0	3-1	4-2	0-1	1-2	3-2
Pan Hellenic	1-3	1-0	2-0	1-0	●		2-3	2-2	2-3	7-1		
Prague	0-4	0-2	0-3	4-4	1-1	●	2-2		5-1	0-0	5-1	
Croatia		0-1		1-1	2-0	2-2	●	5-0	2-1	0-4	5-1	1-1
Yugal	0-4		0-2	3-1	3-7	1-1		●	2-1	4-1	3-4	4-1
Cumberland	2-2	0-1	1-3	3-0	1-5	2-1	0-0		●		1-5	1-0
Polonia	2-5		1-1	1-0	0-6	1-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	●	0-5	2-4
Canterbury	0-2		0-1		5-4	0-2	1-1	1-2	4-1		●	1-1
Melita Eagles	0-2	0-1	0-2		0-4	1-0		2-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	●



ROUND THE WORLD

Argentiniens in final

Racing Buenos Aires, not Universitario Lima (Peru), will meet Uruguay's Nacional Montevideo in the final of the South American Champions' Cup as we reported incorrectly last week. The Argentinians qualified for the final by beating the Peruvians 2-1 in a play-off at Santiago (Chile).

Broome sweeps in Hart

New Exeter City manager Frank Broome has signed six new players for the season. A seventh is on trial: he is Stuart Hart who played under Broome in Sydney when both were with Corinthians.

Top Hungarian goalie goaled

Laszlo Aczel, one of Hungary's leading goalkeepers, was sentenced to 10 years in jail for manslaughter. The Dunaujvaros custodian brawled with a spectator after a recent competition match, causing the man to hit his head fatally on a railing as he fell.

Small thinks big

Winsford United, the small Cheshire club have signed the ex-Blackpool forward Jackie Mudie as player-manager and Mel Charles as stopper-skipper.

Brazil's fallen idol

Garrincha, the hero of Brazil's 1958 and 1962 World Cup triumph, has fallen on hard times. The once legendary "Little Bird", is not even considered good enough now to play in Botafogo's reserve team. Garrincha was told by club president, Moao Silva, last week his services were no longer required as the club had two better wingers. Though Garrincha offered to play three months for nothing, he was struck from Botafogo's books and seems almost certain now to end his once illustrious career in the United States.

Mediterranean Games

Ten countries will take part in the Mediterranean Games in Tunisia next month. Open only to amateur teams the soccer tournament will be played between September 7 and 21. Countries taking part are France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Spain, Libya, Morocco, Turkey and Algeria.

Herrera tips Real Madrid

Helenio Herrera tips Real Madrid to win the 1967-68 European Champions' Cup. Herrera, whose Inter Milan will miss the tournament for the first time in four years, expects Juventus Turin and Benfica to be Real's most dangerous rivals. Herrera, however, may only have been characteristically diplomatic as he made this statement while holidaying in Spain, only a few miles outside Madrid...



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● Bury FC decided to do without a manager next season. The club's affairs will be controlled by the board who will be advised by three trainers.

● Franz Beckenbauer, the brilliant German wing-half, has just recorded a new hit song called "1-0 for our love."

● A leading Burmese FA official is touring Eastern Europe collecting coaching films, manuals and establishing closer soccer relations.

● Hong Kong will play two matches in Cambodia next week before the Merdeka Tournament.

● Glasgow Rangers raised \$8,000 from the lottery they ran throughout last season.

● The Algerian national team will play four matches in Hungary this month against Second Division teams. The Algerians are preparing for the coming Mediterranean Games in Tunisia.

● Guadalajara paid a record Mexican transfer fee of \$120,000 for Perrichon, the Argentinian centre-forward of the Portuguese club, Braga.

● Benitez, the Peruvian midfield player who toured Australia with AS Roma last year, has been signed by Inter Milan. Benitez, in 1963, won the European Cup with AC Milan at Wembley.

● Birmingham are negotiating with Fred Pickering, the tall Everton forward.

● Santos and Inter Milan will meet in New York on August 25 at the Yankee Stadium. The teams met at the same venue on August 26 last year when Santos won 4-1 in front of a record US crowd of 42,000. Both teams will be paid \$20,000 each for their appearance.

● Another French professional club has disbanded. This time it's Second Division Cherbourg, which turned professional eight years ago. Averaging home crowds of only 2,750 last season, the club went bankrupt.

● Joe McBride, Celtic's leading scorer last season, resumed training one month before his team-mates. McBride underwent a cartilage operation three months ago.

● A Gallup Poll taken in England revealed that 44 per cent. of the male population never kicked a football after leaving school.

● The maximum victory bonus allowed to Austrian players next season has been raised to \$125 by the FA.

● Angel Segurola was the dux of the Spanish Coaching Academy this year. The 32-year-old Segurola was promptly offered a post with La Corona.

● It pays to be a talent scout in English football. Lowly Wrexham have just hired a Mr. Arthur Lunn at \$2,500 a year to spot local talent.

● Cardiff City boss Jimmy Scouler is likely to sign Burnley's Scottish goalkeeper, Adam Blacklaw, despite the likely tag of \$45,000.

● The Welsh club Abergavenny Thursdays have re-signed Bryn Lewis who played in Australia in 1965-66.

"Hullava" profit

Hull City have announced a record profit of \$130,000 on last season. Hull's gate receipts soared to a new record of \$420,000, an improvement of almost \$90,000.

Yank wants Wolves

An American millionaire, Jack Kent Cooke, president of the Los Angeles club in the affiliated US League is prepared to buy the entire Wolverhampton team for \$1 m. Cooke, according to the London DAILY MAIL, is flying to England next week to negotiate the deal with Wolverhampton's directors. The Wolves last week won the American Championship under the colors of Los Angeles.

SCOREBOARD

PAN AMERICAN GAMES (in Winnipeg, Canada): Mexico v. Argentina 2-2; Colombia v. Bahamas 3-0; Trinidad Tobago v. Canada 1-1.
HUNGARY: Honved v. Győr 4-0; Győr v. Szeged 4-0; Győr v. Szombathely 5-0; Vasas v. Dunaujvaros 2-1.

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Japan tipped to win 10th Merdeka

— By P. VELAPPAN in Kuala Lumpur —

The Malaysian Premier, Tunku Abdul Rahman, on Friday week will declare the 10th Anniversary Merdeka Tournament open at the Merdeka Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, before an expected capacity crowd of 37,000.

A few minutes later — at 7 p.m. — the first double-header of the floodlit series will be under way when Malaysia meets Indonesia and India plays Singapore.

Twelve teams are taking part in this year's Merdeka, the tenth since the tournament was first held in 1957 to commemorate Malaysia's independence ("Merdeka" means independence in Malay).

Matches this year will be played at Kuala Lumpur and at Ipoh, whose Perak Stadium, where the Australians beat Malaysia twice in 1965, can hold 16,000 spectators.

The competing teams have been split into two groups: Group I — Western Australia, Burma, India, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand; Group II — Indonesia, Malaysia, South Vietnam, Nationalist China, South Korea and Japan.

The teams will meet each other in 80-minute round-robin matches and the first two in each group will qualify for the semifinals.

In Group I, Burma, the reigning Asian Games champions and runners-up in last year's Merdeka, are clear-cut favorites.

The second semifinal berth in this group is wide open as all five teams appear of equal strength, even if Western Australia is something of an unknown quantity.

Keen Asian experts, however, are inclined to favor Hong Kong to join Burma in the semis from this group.

In Group II, Japan, rated by many as Asia's best soccer team after North Korea despite their failure at the Asian Games, should qualify easily, but here, too, the second place will be keenly contested.

South Vietnam, last year's shock winners, are given little chance of reaching the semis this time, and Indonesia looks the likeliest semifinalist.

The ideal final would be Japan v. Burma, with the odds in favor of the Japanese, who are being tipped all over Asia as the likely 1967 Merdeka winners.

Western Australia will attract a lot of interest as they will be the first ever non-Asian Merdeka contestant.

There is wide-spread disappointment that the Australian national team has once again declined to compete.

Had the Australians participated, they would have ranked as equal favorites with the Japanese.

The Malaysian FA will again issue an invitation to Australia next season, but this is likely to be the last time that an invitation is extended.

Australia's repeated refusals to participate have puzzled local soccer officials as every other Association in the region places great value in an invitation to the Merdeka Tournament, one of the world's greatest tournaments for national teams.

Previous Merdeka Tournament winners were Hong Kong (1957), Malaya in 1958 and 1959, South Korea and Malaya, jointly, in 1960, Indonesia in 1961 and 1962, Nationalist China in 1963, Burma in 1964, Nationalist China and South Korea, jointly, in 1965 and South Vietnam last year.

West Ham's buys

After having secured Kilmarnock's Scottish international keeper Bobby Ferguson, West Ham have signed yet another Scot, fullback John Cushley, the Celtic reserve, at a fee of \$50,000.

New-look British series

Next season's British international championship between England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales will be staged as a two-week tournament, and not on separate Saturdays throughout the season as previously. The winner of the championship will qualify for the quarterfinals of the European Nations' Cup. Scotland, having beaten England 3-2 at Wembley in April, lead the British championship at this stage and have the best chance of reaching the last eight in Europe.

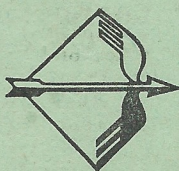
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Rowdy spectators cause big problem

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

The Victorian Soccer Federation must get really tough on the question of louts who are disgracing soccer's image with behaviour towards referees and linesmen which is not only diabolical but animal-like.

I refer mainly to the spitting campaign and crusade which has been carried out in the past few weeks by many supporters of some State League clubs.

Although the police have taken strong action where possible and have apprehended several so called "supporters" of the game, charged them and ultimately saw them convicted, the Federation itself must look further afield for an overall solution which will allow the referees to carry out their duties unmolested and ensure that the majority of decent fans who attend the game will continue to support soccer.

It is not enough for clubs to shake their heads as a few do and put the onus for the good behaviour of their fans on the Soccer Federation and police.

This is an irresponsible attitude towards a situation which, if it gets further out of control, could have far

reaching effects on the popularity of soccer in Victoria.

Clubs must be severely warned as to the future behaviour of their spectators, players must be more strongly dealt with and louts must be apprehended and expelled at every possible opportunity when trouble is likely to arise.

One of the end products of the trouble is that many referees have resigned.

Tommy Edwards who was subjected to the spitting act in the fourth week of the season at the Hakoah v. Hellas match and who received similar treatment at the Juventus v. Alexander game in the 15th round is one.

In the George Cross v. Makedonia game, also in the 15th round, referee Lou Bakens was also the victim of a spitting act, both at half time and fulltime as he left the field.

More recently in the 16th round match between

SM Hellas and JUST, referee Roger Lamb together with his linesmen also received similar treatment at the end of the game.

It is a well-known fact that safety standards at quite a few of the State League grounds are not only inadequate but practically non-existent.

Some grounds don't even have a wire race leading from the referees' rooms to the playing field.

However, it is interesting to note that two of the incidents happened at Olympic Park and the other at Middle Park, the two best grounds in the league and both of which have tunnels which normally afford plenty of protection.

But in their rage and fury the few frenzied fans jump the barriers and barricades so they can be close enough for their "direct action."

DRAMA GALORE LAST WEEKEND

As the State League season reaches a vital stage the tenseness of the game was highlighted in no uncertain manner last weekend by own goals, penalties and a controversial goal.

One by one, here are the details:

● Failing to press home their superiority in which they had 70 per cent of the play and hit the woodwork three times,

Hakoah should have topped Juventus if only through a penalty. Johnny Anderson took the spot kick and scored but was adjudged by referee Randall to have beaten the whistle and the penalty was ordered to be retaken.

Deiter Voigt the Juventus goalie saved Anderson's second attempt.

● George Cross' single goal win over Croatia was the result of a "gift" by Croatia keeper Mike Kovacek who dropped a save over his own goal line.

● Johnny Bedford, the SM Hellas defender scored against his own side in the match with Melbourne. However, at this stage Melbourne held a commanding 3-1 lead.

● Con Nestorides missed a penalty for Hellas just before half time when he hit the cross bar.

● Oattie Abonyi scored from a penalty for Melbourne in the 87th minute.

Newcastle on the move

Controversy has waxed strong in Newcastle this year on the subject of what types of competitions are needed to build up soccer's public acceptance.

Virtually every possibility has been canvassed.

Reduce teams — increase teams — eliminate Newcastle Austral and Hamilton Azzurri — run a State Cup — an amateur League to include all new areas.

One of soccer's leading personalities, Sid Grant, now living in retirement in Sydney, was at his hard-hitting best in seeking a revival of the State Cup.

Still a Novocastrian at heart, Grant wants a new era with "all honour and glory to the North."

Over 30 years ago, when president of the State Soccer Association, Sid Grant sought to introduce professionalism into inter-city football.

Shades of 1967 move in Sydney...

Our Keith Gilmour has had a win already, having plumped for a revival of the North-South games; Sydney will be playing Newcastle again, after the Sydney grand final...

Melbourne-HSC back in the lead

With a runaway win over last season's champions South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne HSC are now back on the top of the State League if only on a better goal average than Juventus.

Melbourne must now be considered favorites to win their first-ever State League title.

Unless a real shake-up occurs in the last five games, the Victorian entrants for the Australia Cup are likely to be Melbourne, Juventus, Hakoah and Croatia.

George Cross are ready to jump into the top eight while another switch has taken place with the two bottom clubs, Makedonia and Alexander who are having a desperate battle to decide who stays in the State League.

Makedonia with their fine win over Polonia have vacated the bottom position on goal average to Alexander who gained a point with a controversial equaliser against Slavia.

George Cross need an outright win over Slavia to retain any hopes of making the Ampol Cup's eight.

Alexander, one of the relegation candidates, have lost their clear lead over Makedonia and could find it hard to improve their position against Hakoah.

Polonia, on the wane and in danger of dropping out of the top eight, are the real problem side of the State League and their hopes of even snatching one point from Croatia are remote.

Lions have the determination and spirit to make it hard for Melbourne although in most other

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Hakoah v. Juventus 0-0.
Makedonia v. Polonia 3-2.
Scorers: Currie 2, Datsevski for Makedonia; Przybylski, Gadjia for Polonia.
Alexander v. Slavia 1-1.
Scorers: own goal Alexander; Jurecki for Slavia.
Melbourne v. Hellas 5-1.
Scorers: Abonyi 2, Myers, Deszofi, own goal; Kokinos for Hellas.
George Cross v. Croatia 1-0.
Scorer: Horsfall for George Cross.
JUST v. Lions 3-1. Scorers: Gakovic, Cricovic, Hughes for JUST; Roseweir for Lions.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	12	2	3	40	14	26
Juventus	11	4	2	28	14	26
Hakoah	9	3	5	34	20	21
Croatia	9	3	5	31	19	21
JUST	8	3	6	35	43	19
Hellas	6	6	5	33	27	18
Slavia	7	3	7	28	27	17
Polonia	7	1	9	33	31	15
George Cross	5	5	7	25	29	15
Lions	4	4	9	21	30	12
Makedonia	3	1	13	20	46	7
Alexander	2	3	12	14	42	7

aspects of the game they are lagging.

South Melbourne Hellas may not have it all their own way against Makedonia who have at long last overcome a really bad spell in which luck deserted them.

Juventus have been playing poorly but collecting maximum points into the bargain that one wonders how long their luck can hold out. They could be in strife against the improving JUST whose teamwork has been instrumental in their come-back bid.

ALL AUST. RESULTS

VICTORIA

Division One: Brunswick 4, Dandenong 3; St. Albans 4, Australia 2; Tristina 5, Coburg 2; Box Hill 2, Sandringham 0; Wilhelmina 5, Springvale 0; Sunshine C. 2, Moreland 2.

Division Two: Altona 3, Brighton 0; Prahan 2, Ajax 3; Fern Tree 2, Bayswater 2; Albion R. 2, Richmond 4; Pk. Rangers 1, Ringwood 3; University 0, Frankston 2.

Division Three: Essendon 4, Glenroy 0; Moorabbin 2, Chelsea 2; Heidelberg 3, Flinders 0; Croydon 1, St. Kilda 4; Kellor 1, South Yarra 0; Waverley 3, Hercules 2.

Division Four: Doncaster, bye; Monash 0, Helvetic 2; Newport 2, Clayton 1; Mooroolbark 9, Rosebud 0; Yallourn 8, Mornington 0.

NSW NORTHERN

Azzurri 5, Wallsend 1; W. Wallsend 2, Weston 1; Newcastle 0, Awaba 3; Cardiff 5, Belmont 1; Adamstown 2, L. Macquarie 4.

Division Two: Cessnock 0, Mayfield 3; New Lambton 5; Dudley 0, Slavia 5; Sth. Wallsend 4, Jesmond 0.

QUEENSLAND

Division One: St. Helens 4, Thistle 1; Oxley 0, Hollandia 5; Coalstars 3, Hellenic 1; Merton 4, Latrobe 3.

Division Two: Newmarket 2, Azzurri 4; Wynnum 1, Budapest 1; Germania 1, GAP 4; Polonia 5, Easts 0; Bardon 1, Dnipro 2; Mitchelton 3, Annerley 2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Division Two: Malta 1, Sturt 1; Birkella 1, Cumberland 1; Wakefield 1, Campbelltown 3; Sth. Adelaide 1, Azzurri 3; Windsor 1, Beograd 3.

TASMANIA

Southern: Juventus 0, Olympia 3; Eagles 2, Rapid 0; Croatia 3, S. Hobart 1; Calies 1, Rangers 3.

North-western: Ulverstone 1, Spartans 0; Rovers 2, Devonport 3.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

State League: Tricolore 2, Cottesloe 1; Azzurri 2, Cracovia 2; Swan Valley 1, Windmills 2; Cockburn 4, Olympic 1; Perth City 0, Swan Athletic 3.

Division Two: Kiev, bye; Macabi 0, Subiaco 4; University 1, Caledonians 2; Athena 4, Julie 2; Scarborough 2, Dalmatinac 0.

HELLAS, JUVENTUS STAGE "GRANDSTAND FINISH"

The SA league series assumed an exciting new lease of life when West Adelaide Hellas dropped a point to Croatia in a goal-less draw last Saturday.

Hellas now have only a slender one-point lead over Juventus with four games remaining to complete the season.

The Hellas v. Croatia 0-0 score was a carbon copy of the first round result.

Hellas face a tough game against Polonia on Saturday while Juventus seem assured of a win over Victoria.

Polonia are likely to be without their ace goalkeeper, Roger Romanowicz for the vital Hellas clash.

Last week against Port, Romanowicz was carried off on a stretcher suffering from a badly bruised shin.

A hospital X-ray revealed no fracture and

Polonia officials are confident that the young 'keeper will be fit to play his 100th game on Saturday.

Polonia forced Hellas to a draw in the first round and a similar result would ideally suit Juventus who have a better goal average than Hellas.

Polonia, — incidentally, have the dubious distinction of being the only club in any SA division to have more premiership points than goals scored.

This fact speaks volumes for their superb defence but also reveals the deficiencies of their attack.

The Croydon Park game is certain to attract the biggest crowd of the

round but there will also be tremendous interest in two "relegation" ties and the top four battle between Croatia and Austria.

Austria regained fourth position by downing Budapest but will surrender it and a probable Australia Cup chance if beaten by Croatia.

The clash between bottom teams, Lion and Port Adelaide will be the most important game of the season for both sides.

Budapest and Elizabeth, two other sides with an uncertain future, will figure in an all-out struggle at Kensington. — A. CRISP

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Elizabeth City v. Victoria 2-2. Goals: Kelly 2, for Elizabeth; Stahl, Matiscsak, for Victoria.

Juventus v. USC Lion 3-0. Goals: Serafini, McColl, Meneghetti.

Port Adelaide v. Polonia 1-0. Goal: McQueen.

Seacliff-Austria v. Budapest 1-0. Goal: Sever.

WA Hellas v. Croatia 0-0.

S A TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellas	10	4	—	36	9	24
Juventus	10	3	1	39	8	23
Polonia	7	5	2	17	8	19
Austria	7	1	6	17	16	15
Croatia	5	4	5	18	15	14
Victoria	4	3	7	20	35	11
Budapest	4	2	8	12	20	10
Elizabeth C.	3	3	8	14	25	9
Lion	4	—	10	8	24	8
Pt. Adelaide	3	1	10	11	33	7

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

MANLY TAKES LEAD IN THE PROMOTION STAKES

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Manly grabbed the lead after narrowly beating Corinthians last weekend and are now firm favorites for promotion as their draw is much easier than Granville's.

Granville, beaten by Western Suburbs, have not given up hope, however, and the exciting tussle between the Division's "Big Two" is certain to be kept alive until the very last round.

Western Suburbs and Bankstown seem almost assured of securing a berth in the "top four" despite the improving Sutherland and Corinthians.

Last weekend's match reports:

Granville v. Western Suburbs 0-1

In a fast, tension-packed encounter at Macarthur Park, played before a larger than average crowd, Granville grossly underestimated Wests' capabilities and went down by a freak first half goal.

Granville dominated midfield and attacked for long periods, but their tendency to hold on to the ball gave Wests' defence ample time to recover.

Wests relied heavily on their fast wingers Payne and Smit, and it was only fitting that the winning goal, one minute before halftime, was scored by Adrian Smit.

After the interval, Western Suburbs defended grimly and the half-back trio of Holmes, Bijkerk and Dwyer successfully countered many dangerous Granville moves.

Granville: Pontekos; Anderson, Pendleton; Dean, Lorenzutta, Creilly; Dukont (Bakks), Gallagher, Shepherd, Tamandl, O'Neill.

Western Suburbs: Iro; Bastion, Apostilidis; Holmes, Bijkerk, Dwyer; Payne, Bosklopper, Griffin, Nutley, Smit (1).

Blacktown v. Sutherland 0-6

Blacktown, once again played a "hit and run" game with little system and never at any time threatened the Sutherland goal.

Sutherland took the game easy and systematically cut down the weak Blacktown defence to ribbons.

Blacktown: Italo; Stratmayner, Mickolapczyk; Stirling, Wilkins, Cousins (o.g.); Stone, Biddle, Virag, Parkinson, Sharpe.

Sutherland: Pines; Rattenbury, McArney; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Griffiths; Davidson (1), Corfield, O'Brian (2), Roach (2), S. Cucitti.

North Bankstown v. Marconi 0-1

The visitors played the more constructive football and were unlucky not to score more goals as Giacometti hit the crossbar twice in succession in the second half.

After a scoreless first half, Marconi scored the winning

goal right from the kick-off when Vladek beat Kerr with a hard drive.

North Bankstown: Kerr, Baber, Lye; Cleverly, Watson, Duncan; Marchetto, Thorpe, Mula, Roberts, Whittton.

Marconi: Langelaar; Scotti, Napta; Shultz, Milani, Okorn, Morn (Vladek, 1), Seni, Vasevary, S. Zorato, Giacometti.

Hornsby-NE v. Bankstown 1-3

Hornsby took the lead midway through the first half when Inglefield beat Friedl with a good shot, but this lead was shortlived as only minutes later Tansley equalised for Bankstown.

Bankstown took the lead after the interval and after this goal were always on top.

Hornsby-NE: Legg; Lapwood, Hogan; Maugham, Booth, Hughes; Barman, Vickers, Shields, Inglefield (1), Dickerson.

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzgerald; Madden, White, McDermott; Brack, Tansley (2), Bamforth, Turnbull (1), Clarke.

Balgownie v. Lane Cove 1-0

With several reserve graders in the side, Lane Cove put up a very good performance against their more experienced opponents.

The game was fast and entertaining with both sides playing good attacking football.

Balgownie scored the winning goal midway in the second half with a good shot by Carruthers.

Balgownie: Jones; Gibson, Isedale; Simister, Moon, Tolson; Large, Carruthers (1), Worthington, Thommeny, Kearton.

Lane Cove: Iro; Gibson, Gamble; Carter, Aird, Cooper; Rummy, Haugh, Thomson, McMillan, Mitchell.

Corinthians v. Manly 0-1

Manly had the edge in midfield in the first half and made good use of their speed by snatching the lead through a goal by Waller.

The second half was quite the reverse as Manly, playing one man short for the last 30 minutes, defended grimly.

This was one of Corinthians' best performances of the season and Orr, Russell and McKnight were the best players.

For Manly this was yet another close win that may well prove their most important in the promotion stakes.

Corinthians: Griffin; R. Clarke, Williams; Snee, Russell, MacKnight; Fannings, G. Clarke, Orr, Amey, Yates.

Manly: Tuinman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; R. Jones, Nutt, G. Jones, Hughes (Rivving), Waller (1).

THIS WEEKEND

Manly should retain their lead this weekend as they have a relatively easy match against Hornsby-North End at Graham Reserve.

Granville's task is harder as they must meet Marconi at Bossley Park where the

locals always put up a tough fight.

The Western Suburbs v. Corinthians game will have a big bearing on the "top four" and a defeat for Corinthians would rule them out of the final play-offs.

Bankstown should beat Balgownie at home, Sutherland should account for North Bankstown and Lane Cove are tipped to win the battle of the woodenspooners when they entertain Blacktown.

WITH THE AMATEURS

SUNDAY'S MATCH MAY BE VITAL

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The Marrickville v. North Sydney Inter match at Mackey Park, Tempe, next Sunday should decide the winner of the Inter-Suburban First Division premiership.

North Sydney gained a smashing 6-1 win over South Sydney last Saturday, whilst Marrickville were pressed to take one point for a 0-0 draw against the very capable University of NSW side.

North Sydney have 28 points to Marrickville's 26, and a better goal average as well.

They can take nothing for granted, in what should be the amateur match of the year.

In the first round Marrickville had a 3-2 win over the leaders, which has given them the confidence to feel that they could contain George Arnott's men.

As usual, Marrickville will be looking to Barry Hockey for an outstanding effort in defence, distributing and shooting, but 18-year-old Brian Donnelly can be expected to show out well also.

Hughie Findlayson is settling down at centre half in place of the injured stalwart, Peter Murray.

Marrickville hope that Peter Murphy will have recovered from a twisted knee, sustained last week.

They expect that Bill Strachan will prove his worth at inside right.

North Sydney Inter will go

in as slight favorites, in spite of their first round loss.

Their secretary, J. Leintner, said that the club was quietly confident of an excellent display, due to their strength in all positions.

They hope to reach a high class of football as soon as they can.

North Sydney Inter still have to meet University of NSW, Wentworthville and Ryde.

Marrickville have a slight advantage, opponents to come being Ryde, Thistle and Lidcombe.

Artarmon, lying comfortably in third place, have to play Granville Kewpies, Sydney University, Concordia and South Sydney.

The Second Division leaders remain in the same positions after last week's round.

In Division III, Condell Park battled gamely to hold Enmore to a three-goal margin, but slipped back two points as a result.

This allowed Gladesville-Hornsby to move to third position behind Enmore and St. Marys.

Dee Why's 4-1 win against Greenacre at Allum Park moves them up to 24 points and fourth position, just ahead of Condell Park.

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SECOND GRADE

Hakoah: Fuzes (Haigh); Berne, Harrison, Woods, Coutts, Jeffrey, Gold, Collins, Jones (2), Harding, Taylor.

Cumberland: Hopkins; Atherton, Wall, Fairley, Richards, Keir, G. Quedsted (Maes), Allan (1), Edwards (1), Grant, Crocker (1).

Referee: L. Smit.

APIA: Dove; Callaghan, Graham; Muir, Parkin, Ardoun; Pedulla (1), Virano (1), Sambrook (1), Gray, Gauld (1).

Prague: King; Miner, Hill; Haig, Rootsey, Tracey; Povey (2), Thorne (2), Lowry (1), Beards, Armytage.

Referee: P. Rampley.

Yugal: Viskovic; G. Clancy, Zivkovic; Marinovic, Stosic; P. Clancy; Vesic, Glenday, Fray (2), M. Alagich, Grbavski.

South Coast: McQuire; Kerr, Millassin; Orphin, McInally, Lans; Sutherland, Stefanovic, Barnaba (1), Freeme (1), Tolhurst (1).

Referee: F. O'Connor.

St. George: Ramage, Wills, Akers, De Bruin, Sandell (Heaney 1), Bird, Todd, Mansfield, Taylor, Piggott, Telfer.

Pan Hellenic: Maglis; Walker, Stevenson, Petrou, Mallard, Patrinos, Frame, Vrolyks, Demos (1), Byles (1), Howard.

Referee: E. Truppe.

Melita Eagles: Gray; Wynn, Calleja; French, Fazackerly, Graig; Montague, Bankhead, Mulqueeney (1), Kerry, Prophet.

Canterbury: Margeit; Raeburn (o.g.), Champion; Dougan, Gordon, Raymond; Como (1), Paxinos, Clarke (1), Andrews, Jurd.

Referee: J. Stiff.

APIA: Dove; Phillips, Ardoun; Gray, C. Parkin, Val. Juresic; Pedulla, Virano, Sambrook, Browning, Gauld (1).

Hakoah: Haigh; Berne, Jeffrey; Smith, Coutts, Prokurat; Gold (1), Jones (1), Harivel, Harding, Taylor.

Referee: D. Frazer.

THIRD GRADE

Hakoah: Stern; Stanborough, J. Reichard, Prokurat, Ollier, Smith, Berne, A. Reichard, Harivel, Round, Kovacic.

Cumberland: Collins; Watts, L. Quedsted, Maes, Richards, Smith (1), G. Quedsted, Edwards, Vincent, Embury, Dort.

Referee: T. Davies.

APIA: Dickinson; Staples, La Rocca; Slater, Phillips, Russell; King; Petracci, McNamara, McEneaney, McKenzie.

Prague: Cook; Parkhouse, McLoughlin; Steffe, Hill, Siddons; Scarfone

(1), Dickinson (1), Wilcox (3), Constable, Perry (1).

Referee: P. Nikolas.

Yugal: Buettner; Cirjanic, Kipic; Tomic, Ripley, Perz; Kydd, Jones, Aleksandar, Volar, Maletin.

South Coast: Radburn; Newson, McMullin; Shepherd, Whitfield, Bott; McLeod (1), Conlin, McAnce, Newman, Griffith (1).

Referee: Mr. Mason.

St. George: Ball, Adams, B. Cox, Stead, R. Cox, Harding, Tsolakis, Burton, Olive, Rodgers (1), Liddy.

Pan Hellenic: Donikian, Zumbo, Dredge, Petratos, Sparsis, Gill, Petty, Byles, Keiz (1), Kaperonis, Wadlington.

Referee: E. Cook.

Melita Eagles: Gruchot; William, Apostilidis; Lackenby, Miranda, Monardo, (Campbell); Austin, Nanareillo, Harris, A. Tanti, Dimento.

Canterbury: Lindsay; Elbridge, Allen; Tarlinton, Domenici, Coulter; Lazaric, Williamson (1), Arrighi (1), Salerno, Martin.

Referee: Dobson.

APIA: Dickinson; Staples, Buckley; Russell, Graham, Slater; King, La Rocca (1), McNamara, McEneaney (1), MacKenzie (1).

Hakoah: Stern; Stanborough, J. Reichard; A. Reichard, Ollier, Round; Berger, V. Berne (1), Goldberg (1), Harrison, Kovacic.

Referee: N. Campbell.

THIS WEEKEND'S AMATEUR DRAW

Saturday, August 5

First Division: Sydney Uni. v. Lidcombe — St. Paul's Oval; Concordia v. Thistle — Mackey Park; Wenty Waratahs v. NSW University — Jones Park.

Second Division: Belmore v. Warringah — Rudd Park; Guildford v. Penrith — Guildford Park; Gymer v. Auburn — Seymour Shaw Park.

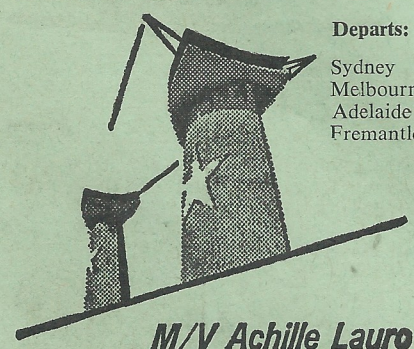
Third Division: Blacktown Spurs v. Smithfield — Maryong Oval; Gladesville-Hornsby v. Greenacre — Somerville Park; Ku-Ring-Gai v. Enmore — Asquith Oval; Dee Why v. Willoughby — Graham Reserve.

Sunday, August 6

First Division: South Sydney v. Ryde — Booralee Reserve; Marrickville v. North Sydney — Mackey Park; Granville Kewpies v. Artarmon — Colquhoun Park.

Second Division: Riverside Rapids v. All Stars — Mahoney Park; East Side-MTK v. Arncliffe Scots — Moore Park; Liverpool Inter v. Yagoona — Jardine Park.

Third Division: St. Marys v. Padstow RSL — Jamison Park; Condell Park v. Liverpool City — Bankstown Showground.



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